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**REVISION OF DOCUMENT TGP/7:
INDICATION OF GROUPING CHARACTERISTICS**

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1. The Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops (TWF), at its fortieth session, held in Angers, France, from September 21 to 25, 2009, proposed to consider including an indication of grouping characteristics in the Table of Characteristics, whilst avoiding any confusion with the use of the letter “G” as used in document TGP/5: Section 6 “UPOV Report on Technical Examination and UPOV Variety Description”, Annex, Item 14.
2. At its forty-sixth session, held in Geneva from March 22 to 24, 2010, the Technical Committee agreed that an indication of grouping characteristics in the Table of Characteristics should be considered in a future revision of TGP/7 (document TGP/7/3) (see document TC/46/15 “Report on the conclusions”, paragraph 31).
3. To assist the Technical Working Parties in their consideration of an indication of grouping characteristics in the Table of Characteristics, the following extract has been reproduced from document TGP/5: Section 6 “UPOV Report on Technical Examination and UPOV Variety Description”, Annex “UPOV Variety Description”, Item 14:

 “ANNEX

“UPOV VARIETY DESCRIPTION

[...]

“14. Group: (if characteristics of number 15 are used for grouping, they are marked with a G in that number)

UPOV No.	Reporting Authority No.	Characteristics	States of Expression	Note	Remarks
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“Reference number of Reporting Authority

“15. Characteristics Included in the UPOV Test Guidelines or Reporting Authority’s Test Guidelines

UPOV No.	Reporting Authority No.	Characteristics	States of Expression	Note	Remarks
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[...]

“18. Explanatory Notes to the Annex: UPOV VARIETY DESCRIPTION

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“(b) Ad Number 14 (Annex: UPOV Variety Description)

“Only information on the group to which the variety belonged should be given or information on groupings other than by characteristics listed in Number 15. Grouping by characteristics mentioned in Number 15 should be indicated simply by marking the respective characteristic in Number 15 with the letter “G” before the number of the characteristic.”

4. At its thirty-ninth session, held in Osijek, Croatia, from May 24 to 28, 2010, the Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops (TWA) considered document TWA/39/16 (see document TWA/39/27 “Report”, paragraphs 51 and 52).

5. The TWA agreed that it would not be appropriate to include an indication of grouping characteristics in the Table of Characteristics in the (UPOV) Test Guidelines. It was observed that Items 14 and 15 in document TGP/5: Section 6 “UPOV Report on Technical Examination and UPOV Variety Description”, Annex “UPOV Variety Description” might be improved, but the TWA concluded that the improvement of those items was not a priority.

6. The Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWV), at its forty-fourth session, held in Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria, from July 5 to 9, 2010, agreed that it would not be appropriate to include an indication of grouping characteristics in the Table of Characteristics in the (UPOV) Test Guidelines (see document TWV/44/34 “Report”, paragraphs 44 and 45).

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